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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: AFGHAN COUP - SOVIET INTEREST

USSR FIRST SECRETARY SERGEY TARASENKO CALLED ON AFGHAN
DESK OFFICER JULY 18 FOR DISCUSSION OF AFGHAN COUP. HE
SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE COUP FROM MOSCOW AND
WAS NOT ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS. TARASENKO ASKED ABOUT
U.S. POSITION ON RECOGNITION AND WAS TOLD QUESTION IS
UNDER STUDY, ALTHOUGH FOR TIME BEING THERE DID NOT SEEM
TO BE A "GOVERNMENT" IN KABUL. TARASENKO SAID THE
SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT KING ZAHER IS
ALIVE AND WELL BUT HAD NOT YET MADE A STATEMENT. HE
SAID HE HAS NO INFORMATION ON USSR APPROACH TO RECOGNITION,
BUT AGREED TO PASS ON WHATEVER HE RECEIVED. HE CALLED
BACK JULY 19 TO INFORM US OF USSR RECOGNITION.
TARASENKO ASK IF THE USG FEARED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
REGIONAL CRISIS AS A RESULT OF THE COUP. WOULD THE GOI
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OR THE GOP INTERVENE TO HELP ZAHER SHAH RESUME THRONE,
HE ASKED. DESK OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE FELT THAT GOI
AND GOP ACTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF
WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAD BEEN OTHER FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT

IN COUP. TARASENKO SAID HE WAS SURE THERE COULD NOT HAVE
BEEN INVOLVEMENT IN DAUD COUP. RUSH

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